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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Commissioner for Patents Mail Stop: Amendment PO Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

The present paper is being submitted in response to the Restriction Requirement Office Action dated June 21, 2005 in the above-identified application.

Election of Claims begins on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the Listing of Claims which begins on page 3 of this paper. Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.

I. Election

In the Office Action mailed June 21, 2005, the Examiner alleges that the application contains claims directed to two inventions and, thus, required restriction of either:

Group I: Claims 1-9, drawn to a method of manufacturing a microelectronic device;

Group II: Claims 10-13, drawn to a method of calibrating a metrology tool;

Group III: Claims 14-16, 21 and 22, drawn to a device; and

Group IV: Claims 17-20, drawn to a method of manufacturing a calibration wafer.

In response, Applicants hereby elect Group I, corresponding to claims 1-9. Applicants' election is made with traverse on the grounds that the embodiments delineated by the Examiner are not patentably distinct and therefore constitute a single invention concept.